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Past Experience:

Writer/Editor, BLM Colorado State Office, 6 years
Staff Assistant, AD-IRM, 2 years
Web Communications Specialist, IRM (SCO), 2 years

Why you applied for the PM Training:

The main reason I applied for the PM training was because the the System Coordination Office is the lead office in BLM for project management. It is important that I know these principles and techniques in order to guide and assist other project managers in the development of the required documents and procedures for following BLM's investment management processes.

How would you rate the quality and content of the training you received:

I thought that this training program was excellent and gave me a good background understanding of project management principles. Most of the instructors with ESI were good, and the content of the courses was appropriate for the level of understanding of the students.

How do you anticipate using your new skills:

I use these skills on a daily basis, although I am not directly working on a project. In the System Coordination Office, it is imperative that I know the principles and disciplines of project management in order to review other project managers' submissions and guide them in the development of required documentation.